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Ramon, andy me pregunta si el cobalto es un material radioactivo o si es hazardous substance. Do you know?

>>> RAMON TORRES 01/26/99 12:27pm >>>
Carlos,

Today, I talked to Mr. John Pelchak to discuss a new development with respect to the Crossland Radioactive Site. NRC issued an order to NDT Services, Inc. (Crossland) requesting a proper disposal of the radioactive material (cameras) due to several deficiencies noted during the last two NRC inspections. The building is not properly secure (no guards, fences broken, etc.) and has indication of vandalism (graffiti). NRC learned that the company is financially unable to comply with the order. Mr. Pelchak indicated that the six Iridium 192 cameras were purchased by a Mainland company and will be transported to the Mainland on Wednesday, January 27, 1998. The company has been providing 24-hour security to the building, but will be suspended once the Iridium cameras being removed.

The cobalt 60 camera will remain in the building with no security. The condition of the camera container is poor, and does not meet the NRC transportation requirements. Due to this scenario, Mr. Pelchak is requesting EPA assistance to remove the cobalt 60 camera. NRC is committed to provide with technical support (i.e., measuring devices, technical experts) in order to assist EPA during the removal.

Due to the circumstances, the potential threat to release, an emergency action should be conducted at the site.
Thanks,
Ramon

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